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| For | : AQUEOUS SOLUTION FOR USE AS MEDIUM FOR THE SPECIFIC BINDING REACTION OF A BINDING PAIR |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 15, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.